

**I CLAIM:**

1. An apparatus for picking up and bagging animal excrement, said apparatus comprising:

an upper jaw member having a hand-grip end and a scooping end;

5 a lower jaw member having a hand-grip end and a scooping end;

hinge means for connecting together said upper jaw member and said lower jaw member at said hand-grip ends, for movement between an open position whereat said scooping ends of said upper jaw member and said lower jaw member are separated one from the other to permit animal excrement to pass therethrough, and a closed position whereat said scooping ends of said upper jaw member and said lower jaw member are closer one to the other than in said open position, so as to preclude said animal excrement from passing  
10 between said scooping ends of said upper jaw member and said lower jaw member; and,

a plastic bag having an open end and a closed end, and being mountable over said upper jaw member and said lower jaw

member so as to form an excrement receiving pocket therebetween,  
20 said pocket open at said scooping ends of said upper jaw member and  
said lower jaw member when said upper jaw member and said lower jaw  
member are in their open position;

wherein said upper jaw member has a bag passing opening  
therein to permit said plastic bag to pass therethrough from  
25 between said upper jaw member and said lower jaw member, when said  
plastic bag contains excrement therein; and,

wherein, to remove said plastic bag from said upper jaw  
member and said lower jaw member, said plastic bag is pulled via  
its closed end through said bag passing opening.

2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said hinge means  
comprises a flexible hinge.

3. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein said upper jaw member,  
said lower jaw member, and said flexible hinge are each made from  
thin metal sheet.

4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said upper jaw member  
and said lower jaw member each bent such that their respective  
scooping ends are angled towards each other.

5. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a bag-shaped pouch having an open end and a closed end, and made from a pliable fabric material.

6. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said bag-shaped pouch is attached adjacent its closed end to said upper jaw member and said lower jaw member adjacent said hand-grip ends, such that said bag-shaped pouch can overlies said upper jaw member and said lower jaw member and can be turned inside-out such that said open end of said bag-shaped pouch faces away from said upper jaw member and said lower jaw member.

7. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said bag-shaped pouch is attached adjacent its closed end to said upper jaw member and said lower jaw member adjacent said hand-grip ends, as aforesaid, by means of hook and loop fastening material.

8. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a locking tongue disposed on one of said upper jaw member and said lower jaw member, and a tongue-receiving notch on the other one of said upper jaw member and said lower jaw member.

9. An apparatus for picking up and bagging animal excrement, said apparatus comprising:

an upper jaw member having a hand-grip end and a scooping  
end;

5 a lower jaw member having a hand-grip end and a scooping  
end;

hinge means for connecting together said upper jaw member  
and said lower jaw member at said hand-grip ends, for movement  
between an open position whereat said scooping ends of said upper  
10 jaw member and said lower jaw member are separated one from the  
other to permit animal excrement to pass therethrough, and a closed  
position whereat said scooping ends of said upper jaw member and  
said lower jaw member are closer one to the other than in said open  
position, so as to preclude said animal excrement from passing  
15 between said scooping ends of said upper jaw member and said lower  
jaw member;

a plastic bag having an open end and a closed end, and  
being mountable over said upper jaw member and said lower jaw  
member so as to form an excrement receiving pocket therebetween,  
20 said pocket open at said scooping ends of said upper jaw member and  
said lower jaw member when said upper jaw member and said lower jaw  
member are in their open position; and,

a bag-shaped pouch having an open end and a closed end,  
and made from a pliable fabric material;

25            wherein said bag-shaped pouch is attached adjacent its  
closed end to said upper jaw member and said lower jaw member  
adjacent said hand-grip ends, such that said bag-shaped pouch can  
overlie said upper jaw member and said lower jaw member and can be  
turned inside-out such that said open end of said bag-shaped pouch  
30        faces away from said upper jaw member and said lower jaw member.

10.           The apparatus of claim 9, wherein said bag-shaped pouch  
is attached adjacent its closed end to said upper jaw member and  
said lower jaw member adjacent said hand-grip ends, as aforesaid,  
by means of hook and loop fastening material.

11.           The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said hinge means  
comprises a flexible hinge.

12.           The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said upper jaw member,  
said lower jaw member, and said flexible hinge are each made from  
thin metal sheet.

13. The apparatus of claim 9, wherein said upper jaw member and said lower jaw member each bent such that their respective scooping ends are angled towards each other.

14. The apparatus of claim 9, further comprising a locking tongue disposed on one of said upper jaw member and said lower jaw member, and a tongue-receiving notch on the other of said upper jaw member and said lower jaw member.